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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF DUNDEE TOWNSHIP

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IN DUNDEE TOWNSHIP.**

Tom Wheeler
Chairman – Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township, we believe that kids each have the right to their own spirit of self-determination. Our seven (7) school based sites and Teen Center serve nearly 700 at-risk Club Members per day, and over 1,700 youth throughout the year with after-school enrichment and life-skill building activities in the Carpentersville and Dundee communities. Comcast is a supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs across America, and has provided generous grants and volunteer efforts at our chapter. I support the proposed Time Warner Cable / Comcast transaction as I believe more chapters will have the chance to benefit like ours has if the proposed is approved.

In 2011, Comcast developed a service that revolutionized the way low-income families and students can gain access to the Internet. This program, Internet Essentials, has become one of the most successful public/private partnerships in Illinois. Here in Dundee Township, eligible families whose children qualify for the National School Lunch Program are welcome to apply. These families can receive high-quality home internet service for \$10/ month with the option of purchasing a computer for \$150.00. Having internet in the home is extremely beneficial for local students and can open their eyes to new ideas and new worlds yet explored.

One of the best aspects of this program is Comcast's commitment to engaging the community through digital training workshops and centers. In schools and libraries all over Illinois, Comcast maintains hotspot centers for residents to pick up computer and internet skills. Their Digital Connectors program equips school computer labs and helps students pick up basic digital literacy skills in connection with coursework. Early childhood education using the latest technology tools available will not only help students engage their creativity, but will give them the best chance for a brighter economic future.

With support of Comcast, our Teen Center now boasts free computer access directly through our Club Tech program. This program builds technical competency and teaches Internet safety to help our kids master new skills, improve their critical thinking, and prepare for a 21st Century workforce. This program allows our youth to access the Internet at home so they can continue building on what they've learned at Club Tech.

We have also had the opportunity to volunteer with Comcast employees at our centers for Comcast Cares Day. I've been told that this volunteer event is the largest single-day corporate volunteer effort in the United States. Every year for the last few years, Comcast joined with local volunteers for landscaping and painting projects at the Dundee-Highlands Elementary School. One the event's 10th Anniversary, Comcast employees,

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family members, and volunteers partnered with our staff and Club members on a fun-filled day of Olympic style "Field Day events. Each year, Comcast finds a project that will make a substantial impact in the lives of the kids we serve. It is just one of the many ways that Comcast shows its commitment to our organization and our Township.

I urge the FCC to pass the proposed TWC/Comcast transaction to spread the wealth of knowledge to more communities that stand to benefit. There are dozens of Boys & Girls Clubs located in the Time Warner Cable footprint that would greatly enjoy the chance to expand their services and programming through Comcast's support should the transaction be approved.

Best wishes and warmest regards,



Curt McReynolds
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